

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. In FIG. 1, a "Prior Art" label has been added. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, a corrected Fig. 1 bearing a --PRIOR ART-- legend is presented, claims 2, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 have been amended and claims 1, 6 and 11 are cancelled. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing, and, accordingly, entry of the amended claims and corrected Fig. 1 are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-,5, 7-10 and 12-15 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 1: OBJECTION TO FIG. 1

Fig. 1 is required to be designated by a --PRIOR ART-- legend and the same is supplied in accordance with the foregoing.

ITEM 6: ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Item 6 specifies that claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 , 12, 13 and 14 are allowable, if suitably rewritten into independent form.

In accordance with the foregoing, those claims are now rewritten into independent form, as appropriate, and rejected claims 1, 6 and 11 are cancelled.

Accordingly, all remaining, pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 are submitted to be in allowable condition and, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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